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Chairman's Message

The Executive Committee has continued to work very hard over the last four months to organize the many traditional events such as a Social Mah Jong Tournaments, the annual 10- Pin Bowling event, annual Golf Tournament, our 65th Anniversary Dinner function, and AGM for our members to enjoy. Over this period, they also organized a couple of special events; a *Identity Shift of NZ Chinese Seminar* by Professor Zhiyue Bo and a Farewell Guangdong film afternoon. Reports on these events are included in this newsletter.

I was proud to present certificates to the twelve talented winners of our ACCC Academic Excellence Awards at our 65th Anniversary Dinner. These awards were created over three years ago to encourage and reward our youths to excel in their academic studies. I wish them all success in their chosen field of study.



This year's AGM held on 27 July 2025 was an election AGM in which a new Executive Committee was elected. No voting was necessary at this AGM because the number of nominees matched the number of positions required for the Executive Committee.

I wish to congratulate past Committee Members who have chosen to be nominated and elected back on to the committee. Also, I wish to congratulate and welcome our only new Committee Member, Jennifer Loo, whose knowledge and experience will prove to be valuable for our Committee and organization. I feel proud and humbled to be re-elected as the Chairman of this new Executive Committee. We indeed have a very strong Executive team going forward in making our organization even stronger and better.

At this AGM, a new ACCC Constitution was approved to enable our organization to register as an incorporated society under the recent 2022 Incorporated Societies Act. I wish to thank our Secretary, Leslie Young, for all his hard work in updating our old constitution to meet the new requirements of this Act.

Also at this AGM, approval was given for the Executive Committee to proceed with a smaller Mangere Hall extension project that will cost less than \$2.5 million. This new extension will provide more pickleball/volleyball/badminton courts, more storage, some classrooms and an office.

We have organized a number of activities for you to enjoy over the next few months and notices of these activities are included in this newsletter. These activities include:

• 3 rd Social Mah Jong Tournament	24 August 2025
• Auckland Chinese Men Basketball Tournament	16-17 August 2025
• Mayoral Candidate Forum	7 September 2025
• Moon Festival Yum Cha	20 September 2025
• National Day Celebration	28 September 2025
• Children's & Fireworks Day	1 November 2025

- Junior Basketball Tournament November 2025
- 2026 Chinese New Year and Market Day 14 February 2026

Our Building sub-Committee continues to work hard to maintain our Mangere Hall. Over the last few months, a few minor roof leaks have had to be fixed and the recoating of the Hall floor has finally been completed. Waratah fences have been installed at our boundary with neighbors.

Sadly, we lost a couple of Enduring members over the last few months and they are Welly Choy and Ena Lim - Welly Choy is known for his valuable work in producing an earlier version of the ACCC constitution. We also lost an active member, Allan Lowe. who regularly participated in our Senior Lifestyle activities. We offer our sincere condolences to the families of these members. We will miss them.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all our Executive Committee members for their support and the time and effort that they have put in in organizing the many activities that our members have been or will be enjoying.

Warm Regards,

David Tai

Chairman

會長訊息

執行委員會在最近四個月都很努力地去組織很多傳統活動，例如麻將比賽，每年籌辦的 10 瓶保齡球比賽，高爾夫球比賽，65 週年晚譏及會員週年大會等等讓大家分享。在同一段時間，他們也組織了幾個特別活動，Zhiyue Bo 教授主持的 "Identity shift of NZ Chinese" 座談會 以及 "Farewell Guangdong" 影片。有關這兩個活動的報告已加入了在這次季報裏面。

我十分光榮為 12 位優秀青年頒發了給他們華僑會所優異成績獎學金。這些獎金是在三年前創立，目的是鼓勵年青人爭取優異學業成績。我祝福他們所選的學科有美滿成績。

今年會員週年大會在 2025 年 7 月 27 日舉行，這次會議亦是要選好新執行委員會成員。這次挑選新委會無需投票，因為被提名人選剛好與委員會所需人數一樣。

我恭賀上屆委員，他們選擇了提名及會再次履行他們的上屆工作。我同時也恭賀新委員 Jennifer Loo，她的學識與經驗能給予我們委員會及華僑會所有很大裨益。我十分光榮再被選為華僑會所會長。我們現在是擁有一個十分穩健執行團隊，使我們會所得更有實力比以前更優異。

在這次週年大會中，會員一致批准一份新的華僑會所憲章，會令到我們登記成為一個在 2022 年註冊組織法例下一個正式社團組織。我要感謝本會所秘書 Leslie Young 他的努力幫助更新舊會章去符合新法例的要求。

在這次週年大會中，委員會還批准繼續推進規模較小的 Mangere Hall 擴建項目，將預算控制在 250 萬紐幣。新擴建工程會有更多場地給予 Pickleball/ 排球/羽毛球，並有更多儲存空間以及兩課室及一個辦公室。

我們在近幾個月會組織以下一連串活動給大家分享，有關這些活動的通知亦已包括在這份季刊裏面。這些活動有：

2025 年 8 月 24 号 第 3 次麻雀比賽
2025 年 8 月 16-17 号 奧克蘭華人籃球比賽
2025 年 9 月 7 号 市長侯選人言討會
2025 年 9 月 20 号 中秋節飲茶
2025 年 9 月 28 号 中國國慶節慶典
2025 年 11 月 1 号 兒童節日及煙火節
2025 年 11 月 兒童籃球比賽
2026 年 2 月 14 号 新春花市同樂日

我們物業小組十分努力保養好會所的會堂。在過去的幾個月，修好了屋頂輕微漏水以及運動場地板重修工程已經完成。我們與鄰居的邊界亦已裝好了圍板。

我們為近幾個月有幾位永久會員的離世十分傷痛，他們是 Welly Choy 及 Ena Lim。Welly 為華僑會所編寫早期的會所會章有很大貢獻。另一位非常活躍的會員 Allan Lowe 常常參與長者優閑活動。我們已向他們的家屬致以深切哀悼。我們會掛念著他們。

總結，我要感謝所有委員，因為有他們的支持以及所付出的時間及努力，為我們的會員籌劃了很多豐富的活動。

屋崙華僑會所
戴榮都會長

REPORT ON THE 2025 ACCC AGM



The 2025 ACCC Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the Mangere Hall at 2pm on Sunday, 27 July 2025. This AGM was an election event in which annual reports were presented by the Chair and the Treasurer. Attendance at this event was 57 members.

The Chair, David Tai, delivered his annual report (printed in this newsletter) at the meeting. The main points of his report were:

- Examples of events and a book launch held by the ACCC during the year
- Partnering with Tataki Auckland Unlimited to raise over \$120,000 for the 2025 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival
- The ACCC membership now exceeding 2,300 financial members
- The ACCC generating a surplus of \$365,393 for the 2025 financial year
- Improvements to the Mangere Hall including landscaping and repainting of the walls and the floor
- The work on amending the Constitution to meet the requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022
- Utilising the Society's financial reserves to fund an extension to the Mangere Hall

The Chair ended his presentation by thanking the Executive Committee members for their great support over their past year, with special thanks going to Kai Luey for his support and help as past Chairman.

The Treasurer, Merry Tsao, presented an audit reviewed Annual Performance Report (printed in this newsletter) that showed the ACCC generated a surplus of \$365,393 for the year to 31 March 2025. The main contributors to this surplus were rental income, fund raising activities and interest from bank deposits. Net Working Capital was reported as \$2,492,956, plus with Property, Plant and Equipment at \$6,848,958, the Net Assets of the Society was reported as \$9,341,914 as at 31 March 2025

Robert Wong was reappointed to do the Audit Review report for the 2026 Annual Financial Report.

Annual Membership Fees for the next calendar year were agreed to be as has been charged for the last few years, namely - \$10pa for Individual and Associate memberships, \$20pa for Family memberships and Enduring and Life memberships remaining free of any annual fees.

Voting for the election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee was not required at this meeting as the number of nominees for each position matched the number of positions to be filled. The AGM approved a motion that all the nominees are duly elected to their nominated positions. The elected members of the 2025-2027 Executive Committee are as follows:

Chair	David Tai
Deputy Chairs	Bo Li and David Wong
Secretary	Leslie Young
Treasurer	Merry Tsao
Secretary - Chinese Language	Alfred Li
Committee Members:	Virginia Chong, Vernon Choy, Cecil Croucher, Connie Kum, John Lai, Ling Ling Liang, John Ling, Jennifer Loo, Kai Luey, Bonnie Lynch, Cathrine Ming, Lawrence Ngan, Peter Pan, Luke Qin, Leslie Tai, Colleen Tang, Tina Tsui, Rean Wong and Roy Young

The Secretary, Leslie Young, gave a presentation on the amendments made to the Society's Constitution so that it can meet the requirements for re-registration under the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. After discussion, the meeting voted in favour of the motion presented that the ACCC adopt the amended Constitution.

The Chair David Tai presented a recommendation for ACCC members to give the Executive Committee their approval to proceed with the design and construction of a new extension to their Mangere Hall facility that can be funded within the \$2.5 million reserve that the ACCC currently held. The presentation included drawings of the proposed extension and a Schedule of Costs from a construction company. After some robust discussion, the meeting voted in favour of the recommendation.

The Chair then asked all members present to stand for a minute of silence as a mark of respect to those members who have sadly passed away in the last year.

The Chair finished by thanking the members present for re-electing him as Chair and for bestowing on him the honour of leading the Society. David also advised he would like to step down at the end of this term and would welcome a successor to come forward for the position as Chair for the next term.

The AGM ended at 3.15pm with attendees enjoying lovely refreshments provided by Bonnie Lynch and her catering team.



Chairman's Report for 2025 AGM

The year of the Dragon in 2025 has proven to be a very good year for the Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. in both financial performance and membership growth terms.

We have generated a good surplus of \$365,393 (\$273,168 in 2024) this year made mainly from our Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day event, our two investment properties and increased market interest rates on our financial reserve.

We have continued to successfully hold our traditional events such as Auckland Anniversary and Moon Festival Yum Cha, China National Day, monthly dances, Chinese New Year Festival and Market Day, ACCC Anniversary dinner, 10 Pin bowling, four Social Mah Jong Tournaments and a number of sports tournaments (basketball, golf, volleyball and badminton).

This year, we co-hosted with the Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust (CPTHT) to launch a new NZ Chinese history book, Golden Enterprises, written by Pheobe Li under a CPTHT commission. This successful launch took place in our Mangere Hall facility on 21 September 2024.

We also were approached and appointed by Tataki Auckland Unlimited to be their community trust partner in the organisation of the 2025 BNZ Auckland Lantern Festival at Manukau Sports Bowl.

Despite the lateness in our appointment, we were able to raise over \$120,000 in grant money for the event, This successful event was enjoyed by over 160,000 people.

Our membership has continued to grow and now exceeds 2300 financial members. This growth has been attributable to the strategy that we had adopted a few years ago to provide many and varied events for our members to enjoy. We noted that there is always a surge in membership applications whenever we have our Yum Cha and Children & Fireworks events.

The Building sub-Committee has been working very hard to maintain and improve our Mangere premises and two investment properties. Many improvements have been made to our Mangere facility; the interior repainting of ceiling, walls and floors of the stadium, and the landscaping of previously overgrown parts of our Mangere property.

Work to recoat the Mangere stadium floor started in the beginning of 2025 and was supposed to be completed within four weeks. Unfortunately this work had to be deferred to June 2025 after the contractor spent substantial time trying to resolve two incompatible paint issues. I am pleased to be able to confirm that this work has now been completed. I apologise to the Hall users for this inconvenience and thank them for their patience in waiting for the hall be available for their use again.

This year, the Executive Committee has also been busy working on the amendments to our Constitution and by-laws to meet the new requirements of the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. The amended draft Constitution has been reviewed by our lawyer and the Executive Committee is presenting it at this AGM for approval. Once approved, the new Constitution will be used to register our organisation under the new Act as an incorporated Charitable Entity. The Executive Committee will also be able to review and approve ACCC By-Laws to bring them in line with the newly approved Constitution.

The utilisation of our Mangere Hall is currently very high, with very few time slots left in the Hall to be hired out. The increase in hall use has been mainly due to the growth in pickleball and volleyball sports activities in the Hall. Efforts have been made to shift some activities held in the Hall into our Members Lounge, such as St Johns activity, to enable other activities to be held in the Hall.

Because of our financial reserve has been growing in recent years and is now a sizable sum (exceeding \$2.6 million), the Executive Committee have considered the idea of using this large reserve to extend our Mangere facilities. This Committee has now reached a stage where they need to seek members approval for a \$2.5 million extension project to proceed. This approval matter is an item for discussion later in this AGM.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members of the hard-working Executive Committee, especially our past Chairman Kai Luey, for their great support to enable ACCC to have another successful year. Members of this Committee have worked tirelessly over their two-year term to make our organization much stronger financially and a wonderful place for members to enjoy their favorite activities. I am very pleased that most of them are seeking re-election and trust they will be voted back in.

I also wish to thank the many people who are not on the Executive Committee for their support and hard work in making 2025 a successful year.

Best Regards,
David Tai

AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE (INC)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	2,025	2,024
INCOME		
Membership fees	5,575	5,175
Mangere Hall	32,249	32,096
Rental Properties	344,090	321,728
Chinese School	28,291	24,488
Chinese New Year	163,355	142,423
Sports Activities	40,243	42,281
Social Activities	25,360	21,582
ACCC Monthly Dance	11,748	14,347
Donations	3,760	1,100
Bank Interest	110,476	92,226
Sundry Income	350	407
Total Income	765,497	697,852
EXPENSES		
Mangere	175,188	218,614
Rental Properties	63,971	65,150
Chinese School	26,848	17,836
Chinese New Year	64,396	51,258
Sports Activities	6,054	7,226
Social Activities	36,306	33,735
ACCC Monthly Dance	3,233	4,218
General Expenses	24,108	26,647
Total Expenses	400,104	424,683
NET SURPLUS	365,393	273,168

AUCKLAND CHINESE COMMUNITY CENTRE (INC)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash on Hand	298	298
ANZ Bank Cheque Account	2,115	2,901
ANZ Events Account	-0	0
ANZ Serious Saver Accounts	320,642	158,545
ANZ Bank Call Account	102,764	263,655
ANZ Lantern Festival Holding Account	23,284	0
SmartShares ETF	300,000	300,000
ANZ Bank Term Deposits	1,900,000	1,500,000
	<u>2,649,102</u>	<u>2,225,399</u>
Accounts Receivable	42,529	5,112
Sundry Debtors	5,775	1,965
Refundable Bond	250	250
Total Current Assets	<u>2,697,656</u>	<u>2,232,726</u>
Less CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors	30,467	438
GST	0	6,141
Refundable Bond	950	950
Lantern Festival Holding Account	23,284	0
Sponsorship Bonds	150,000	150,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>204,700</u>	<u>157,529</u>
Net Working Capital	<u>2,492,956</u>	<u>2,075,197</u>
Plus PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
103 Taylor Road Mangere		
Land and Buildings	2,073,505	2,073,505
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>514,261</u>	<u>471,917</u>
	1,559,244	1,601,588
Furniture, Fittings & Plant	376,551	299,164
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>194,824</u>	<u>160,244</u>
	181,727	138,920
Office Equipment	29,542	29,542
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>29,125</u>	<u>28,884</u>
	417	658
	1,741,388	1,741,166
Capital Work In Progress	0	0
168 Lincoln Road		
Land and Buildings	3,050,000	3,050,000
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>93,188</u>	<u>77,438</u>
	2,956,812	2,972,562
772 Great South Road		
Land and Buildings	2,351,797	2,351,797
less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>201,039</u>	<u>164,201</u>
	2,150,758	2,187,596
	5,107,570	5,160,158
	6,848,958	6,901,324
NET ASSETS	<u>9,341,914</u>	<u>8,976,521</u>

The Net assets are represented by

EQUITY

Auckland Chinese Community Centre (Inc.) Funds		
Opening Balance 1 April 2024	8,976,521	8,703,352

Net Surplus (Deficit) for the	365,393	273,168
Auckland Chinese Commun	<u>365,393</u>	<u>273,168</u>

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ACCC Membership Report for July 2025

Category	July 2025	July 2024	July 2023
Enduring	1112	1120	1130
Family	813	621	275
Individual	505	418	174
Associate	54	53	27
Total	2484	2212	1606

Managing the membership list is an ongoing challenge for the membership subcommittee. Since July 2023, there has been a noticeable increase in members from 1606 to 2212 last year, and a further increase to 2484 in July this year. The reason for this growth is due to the many sports and cultural activities and events available for members as reported in this newsletter.

The number of Enduring Members has decreased slightly reflecting the age of the original brick donors although there have also been several new Enduring Memberships during the year. Kai Luey does a great job looking after that list.

The other categories also require ongoing processing of new memberships and renewals. Individual, Associate and Family Memberships should note that their annual membership of the ACCC is for the period from 1 January to 31 December of each year. This means their memberships needed to be renewed at the start of 2025. At this point of the year there is still a significant number that have not yet paid membership fees for this year despite reminders sent last month.

If you need to pay fees (\$10 Individual/Associate; \$20 Family), please pay the appropriate subscription amount into the ACCC bank account:

Auckland Chinese Community – 06-0101-0300774-00

Please tag your direct bank payment with the name you usually use at ACCC, the word “membership”, membership number (if known), or mob #. Some direct credits cannot be confirmed as fee payments due to missing identification!

Should your name, address, phone number, or email address change within the last year, can you please send changes to Vernon Choy at accc.comms@gmail.com.

ACCC Academic Excellence Awards 2025

These awards were introduced in 2023 to recognise high standards of academic achievement by senior high school students and to encourage outside-the-classroom interests such as sport and cultural activities. The awards include a commemorative certificate and a cash prize (\$200 for Year 11, \$500 for year 12, and \$1500 for Year 13) for outstanding results in their chosen courses of study.

The winners this year were for Year 11: Alyssia Lowe, Grace Young, Hayden Carpendale; Year 12: Ginny Fraser, Josh Luey Aitkenhead, Kelly Luk, Genesta Lee Hamm, Jacob Wong; Year 13: Brianna Li, Ashley Wong, Alyssa Sew Hoy Richardson, Logan Ding. They were presented with certificates at the ACCC Anniversary Dinner on 7 June 2025.

More details about the awards and how to apply for next year will be posted on the ACCC website later this year, or contact Vernon Choy (accc.comms@gmail.com).



2025 Moon Festival \$10 Yum Cha



**All ACCC financial and enduring members
are cordially invited**

10am – 11.30 am

SATURDAY, 20 September 2025

at

CYPRESS Restaurant
296 Dominion Rd. Mt. Eden

To Reserve a seat / table -

- a) Online Banking to Auckland Chinese Community **ANZ A/C No 060101 0300774 02**. Reference payment with your name and Membership number/s
- b) or
- c) Pay Connie Kum direct for a receipted ticket. Queries to:
Connie Kum: cojay@xtra.co.nz M 022 1841925 or
Kai Luey: kailuey@gmail.com M 021 333 125

**Bookings for a table of 12 can be arranged - \$120
Limited Seating – Don't be disappointed -**

There will be NO DOOR SALES

◆ ? Auckland Mayoralty Candidates Forum – 7 September 2025



Your City. Your Voice. Your Future.

◆ ? **Date:** Sunday, 7 September 2025

◆ ? **Time:** 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

◆ ? – **Venue:** Auckland Chinese Community Centre

Address: 99 Taylor Road, Māngere Bridge, Auckland

Join us for a dynamic and engaging **Mayoral Candidate Forum** ahead of the Auckland local body elections. Hear directly from the candidates as they discuss the **key issues shaping Auckland's future**, including:

- ◆ ? **Transport & Mobility**
- ◆ ? **Infrastructure Development**
- ◆ ? **Rates & Affordability**
- ◆ ? **Major Projects Completion**
 - City Rail Link
 - Central Interceptor Wastewater Connections

This is your opportunity to ask questions, hear diverse perspectives, and make an informed decision about Auckland's leadership.

Also an opportunity to meet and greet with the **Chinese candidates** who have also put their name forward for their area local boards.

– ◆ ? **Open Q&A Session**

◆ ? **Free Entry – All Welcome**

◆ ? **Hosted by the Auckland Chinese Community Centre**

Let's shape the future of Auckland together.

For more information or to submit questions in advance, contact:
david.wong@xtra.co.nz

ACCC CHINA NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION



Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc.

cordially invites

**ACCC Members, Friends and Colleagues
to its 76th Anniversary of the People's Republic of
China Celebration Function**

Date: Sunday, 28 September 2025

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Venue: Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc. Hall at 99 Taylor Road,
Mangere Bridge, Auckland 2022

Tentative Program Includes:

- Opening Lion Dance
- Welcome Speeches
- Cultural Items
- Afternoon tea

RSVP:

For catering purposes, please reply by email to Leslie Young before 12 September 2025 at lesyoung25@gmail.com.



ACCC Children's & Fireworks Day



屋崙華僑會所兒童和煙花節

Saturday, 1 November 2025 | From 2:00 PM onwards

✨ What's On

- 🐉 Lion Dance Spectacular
- ☕ Kiddies' Tea Party & Refreshments
- 🍧 Cool Treats - Ice blocks, BBQ, and wok-cooked supper
- 🎨 Creative Corner - Glow jewelry, origami, calligraphy, face painting & balloon sculpting
- 🏃 Active Zone - Obstacle course (new challenges), tug of war, bean bags tic-tac-toe, sports showcase & table tennis
- 🎪 Playtime Fun - Bouncy castle, sedan chair rides, pitch pot, wind chimes, lolly scramble & balloon shower
- 🎯 Cultural Performances -line dance, Cantonese School show
- 🏥 Health Corner - ACMA Health Advisory Kiosk
- 🎁 Special Highlights - Lucky draws, prizes, rewards & the Farewell Caravan
- 🎆 Fireworks Display Finale

🎈 A Day of Family Fun – Exclusively for ACCC Members!

- 🎟️ Entry by ticket only. Membership must be current – or sign up today!
- 🖨️ Annual Subscription: \$10 per Adult | \$20 per Family (Children join free)
- ✉️ Enquiries: Vernon Choy – vj.choy@gmail.com



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Auckland Chinese Community Centre Inc



PRESENTS
**10TH AUCKLAND CHINESE
BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**
篮球赛

16-17 AUGUST 2025

ACCC HALL

99 TAYLOR ROAD
MANGERE BRIDGE, AUCKLAND

REGISTRATION FEE:
\$140/ TEAM

PRIZE POOL: 1ST PLACE: \$500, 2ND PLACE: \$300

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 1 AUGUST 2025

REGISTER BY EMAILING: ACCCSPORTSCLUB@GMAIL.COM



SIMON LI | PH: 021 053 0330 | EMAIL: ACCCSPORTSCLUB@GMAIL.COM

Pickleball Update

Lawrence Ngan

Over the last 6 months we have seen pickleball at ACCC Mangere Hall continue its growth in participation. This is illustrated by the new Friday mornings session being added in the last couple of months. All sessions are well supported, with a noticeable spike in younger players. Pickleball caters to varying skill levels and has seen a wide appeal amongst our community.

In addition to the regular weekly sessions, often during long weekends members also enjoy a social pickleball get-together. This extends to an afternoon tea, where we are spoilt with yummy homemade savouries and luscious cream cakes.

As some of you have noticed, improvements have been made to equipment – with new nets and paddles over the last year. This is in addition to the newly refurbished courts, where the court markings in white are a huge improvement.

Following are the session times and contact details for persons running them.

Tuesday 9pm to 10.30pm Peter Sew Hoy 021739469

Wednesday 7.30pm to 10.15pm Lawrence Ngan 0274415451

Friday 10am to 12.00pm Janice O'Connor 0211813933 **Please note this session is strictly for ACCC members only due to limited human resources till further notice.**

Moving forward, we are looking to continue the success of Pickleball as an activity at our own facility in Mangere.

ACCC Volleyball Update

Setting the Tone for 2025: Meet Our Coaching Team!

As we move through the 2025 season, we're excited to introduce the amazing coaches who are helping our volleyball players grow, have fun and build lasting connections. Our focus remains on encouragement and creating a positive, enjoyable environment where players of all skill levels can learn and develop their technical skills. Many of our coaches and players will be competing in the Northern Zone with their clubs so we wish them all the very best!

Our Coaches 2025



ACCC VOLLEYBALL

New to Volleyball and want to have a go? Join the Fun! We're Growing Our Youth & Beginners Programs

Know a young player or someone new to volleyball? Our Youth (Year 5 – Year 10) and Beginners sessions are the perfect place to start - no experience needed! Our friendly coaches and welcoming community make it easy to learn, make friends and enjoy every moment on the court. Beginner sessions are on Sat 12-1:30pm and Youth sessions are on Sat 1:30 – 3pm.

ACCC Badminton Tournament 2025

Celebrating Athleticism, Friendship, and Cultural Pride

The Auckland Chinese Community Centre Badminton Tournament 2025 took place on April 12th at the ACCC hall, drawing together badminton enthusiasts from across the communities. This annual event, a highlight of the community calendar, brought together players of all ages, supporters, and volunteers for a spirited day of competition. The tournament featured singles, doubles, and mixed doubles matches.

Beyond the courts, the tournament included a badminton skills workshop led by certified coaches, offering tips and drills to players of all ages. An information booth introduced new memberships to the players. The tournament participants enjoyed a dedicated play area, and a selection of refreshments was provided, adding to the event atmosphere.

The tournament winners are:

Men's Doubles:

1. Champion: Ashok Kesana, Akshay Kumar
2. Runners-up: Mark Yang, Jian Chen
3. The third place: Teong Boon Tan, Jin Tan

Mixed Doubles:

1. Champion: Joshua Yong, Ellen Young
2. Runner-up: Hannah Njo, Chris Wong
3. The third place: Mac Yu, Sana Chen

Men's Singles:

1. Champion: Will Zhong
2. Runners-up: Mac Yu
3. The third place: Chris Wong

Women's Singles:

1. Champion: Maple Zhao
2. Runners-up: Hannah Njo

Thanks, Connie and catering team, for providing the refreshment to the event. Thanks to Rean Wong and Steven Wong for sponsoring. Thanks to David Tai and Kai Luey for attending the awards presentation.



REPORT ON 2ND 2025 SOCIAL MAH JONG TOURNAMENT

The second Social Mah Jong Tournament for 2025 was held on Sunday, 27 April 2025. There was an unprecedented demand for participation so we increased the number of tables to 14 by having the sit-down dinner on the carpet area of the main hall. However, this is definitely the maximum capacity for our increasingly popular quarterly social mah jong tournaments.

This tournament was played with no chicken hands allowed and this will be the rule for all future tournaments.

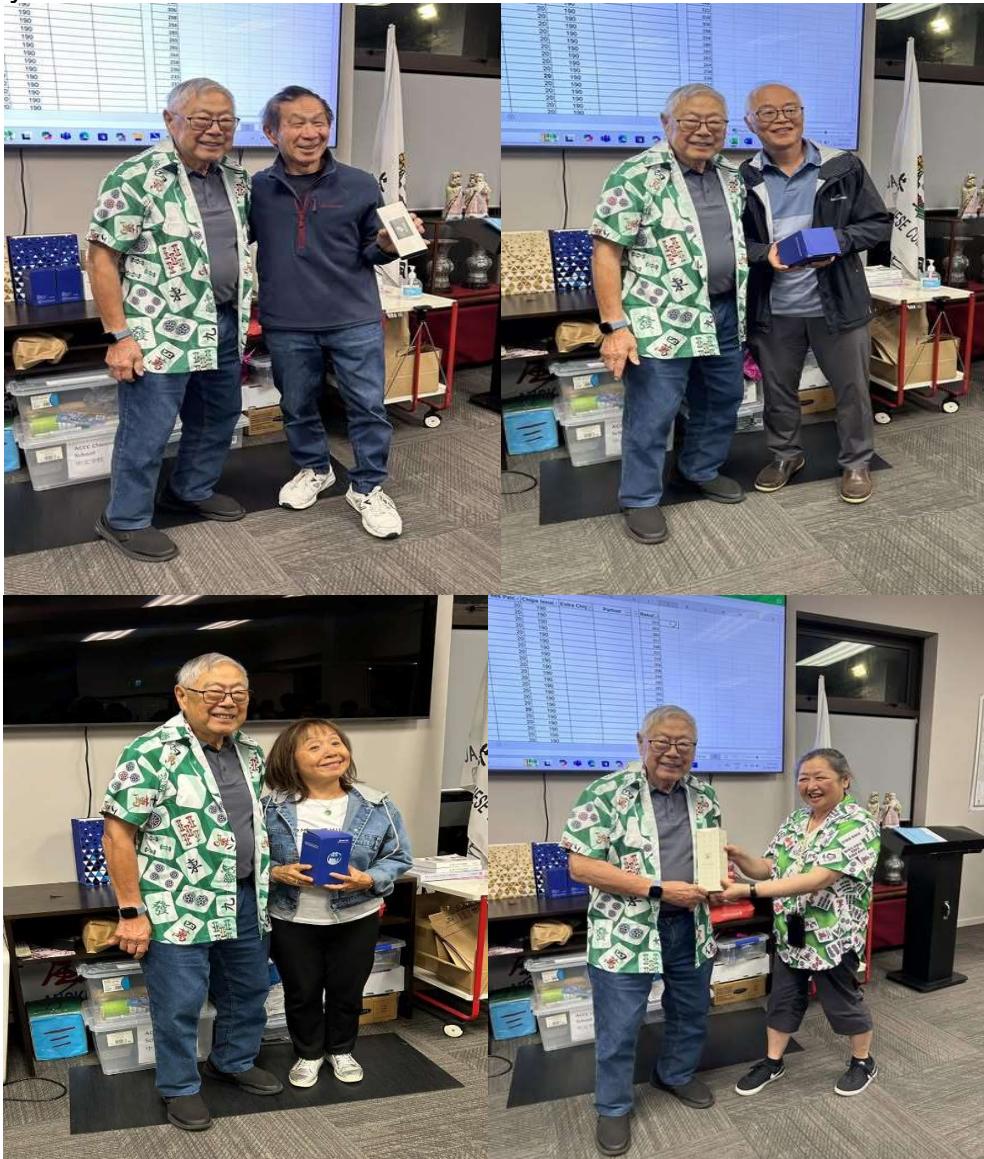
As usual, all participants thoroughly enjoyed the event. Merry Tsao and Cathrine Ming did a tremendous job administrating the tournament with the assistance of Keith & Alexander Wong in setting up, and Bonnie and her team put on a fantastic afternoon tea, dinner and supper.

The winners at the tournament were:

1st Place Kai Luey, 2nd Place Raymond Chong, 3rd Place Andy Tang, 4th Place Linda Young

The next tournament will be on Sunday, 24 August but the 14 tables are fully booked with a waitlist. The final 2025 one is scheduled for November. There will be trophies again this year for the persons with the highest average aggregate over the four tournaments.

Kai Luey



REPORT ON NZ CHINESE IDENTITY SHIFT FROM SOJOURNERS TO SETTLERS

We were honoured to welcome Professor Dr. ZhiYue Bo, who travelled to Auckland to deliver a presentation at our Mangere premises on Saturday afternoon, 10 May 2025

This lecture focused on the cultural and identity shifts among Chinese New Zealanders since the arrival of the first Cantonese migrants in the 19th century. Drawing on rich historical records and family case studies, Professor Bo offered a compelling overview of how the third, fourth, and even fifth generations of Chinese New Zealanders have transitioned from a mindset of “returning home” to one of “Settlers” in Aotearoa.

Several notable Chinese New Zealand families and individuals were highlighted during the lecture, including:

Tom Ah Chee – Founder of New Zealand's first supermarket chain, Foodtown

Peter Chan – Founder of Tai Ping Asian Supermarket Group

The Thomas Doo family – Featured in Looking Back, Moving Forward

Fred Wong – Inaugural Chairman of Auckland Chinese Community Centre

Inc Dr. Gam Lee – Chair of ACCC when the Mangere Hall was opened

(1977)

Soung Yueen Asian Market – One of Auckland's early Chinese-owned businesses

Kai Luey CNZM – A source of immense pride and leadership for the Cantonese Chinese community in New Zealand

This event provided attendees with a rare and valuable opportunity to reflect on over a century of Chinese settlement in New Zealand. The lounge was filled to capacity with about 120 attendees, and the presentation resonated deeply with many audience members, especially those from the third and fourth generations of Cantonese Poll Tax descent, who expressed how meaningful and insightful the experience was.

Many thanks to Bonnie Lynch and her fantastic kitchen team for another very enjoyable afternoon tea.



REPORT ON “FAREWELL GUANGDONG” SCREENING



An encore screening of *Farewell Guangdong* - the documentary series produced by Toby Mills, with film director Lynda Chanwai-Earle and edited by Peter Lee was held at our Mangere Hall lounge on Saturday, 5 July 2025 from 1.15pm to 5.00pm.

Based upon Lily Lee's research into the Cantonese refugee women and children fleeing their homeland to reunite with their husbands and make New Zealand their home. It then looks into the generations that flourish from that moment in history.

The event commenced with a showing of a brief video “Looking Back, Moving On” by George Andrews made in 2019 to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the abolition of the Poll Tax in 1944. This was followed by the seven episodes of “Farewell Guangdong” video series (which is still available on You Tube) without the repetitive introductions and credits.

We were very pleased to have Lynda Chanwai-Earle, Lily Lee and Peter Lee present to give brief talks about their involvement in the series and their plans for another upcoming documentary on the early Chinese settlers in New Zealand.

The afternoon was thoroughly enjoyed by the capacity crowd of about 130 ACCC members and friends. Many thanks to Roy Young, Keith Wong & Cathrine Ming for setting up the lounge, to Peter Lee for organising the videos and to Bonnie Lynch and her kitchen team for the superb refreshments.

ACCC Golf Tournament 2025

The 2nd ACCC Golf tournament was held at Redwood Park Golf Club on Sunday 18th May 2025.

The event proved to be a great success. 48 keen golfers turned out on an overcast day, ready to enjoy a leisurely day at the golf course, as well as taking the opportunity to renew friendships and mingle with others in the wider Chinese golfing community.

We were delighted to welcome the familiar faces as well as the new players participating in our tournament for the first time.

The tournament was supported by valued sponsors and the ACCC thanks them for their generous support:

Principal Sponsor- Jarden Wealth Management – Simon Ravenscroft; Fresh Futures - Steven Wong; NZ Chinese Sports Association - Rean Wong; L J Premium Meats – Sam Jiang; and AsiaWorks – Bo Li. Many thanks also to Mabel and Chris Kan of Pearl Garden Restaurant for the dinner vouchers.

Congratulations to our winners:

Best Gross: Darren Soo

Best Nett: Men - Stephen Chung

Ladies - Kathryn Li



Best Stableford	1. David Tauch	2. Samuel Chung
	3. Rodney Chang	4. Steven Wong
	5. David Tai	6. David Houng Lee
	7. Chris Ying	8. Bill Ming

Team:	1. Jason Mar Sean Seeto	Samuel Chung Les Chan
	2. Nick Bing Chris Ying	Stephanie Wang Martin Young
	3. Kathryn Li Logan Lim	K C Ng Vernon Lu



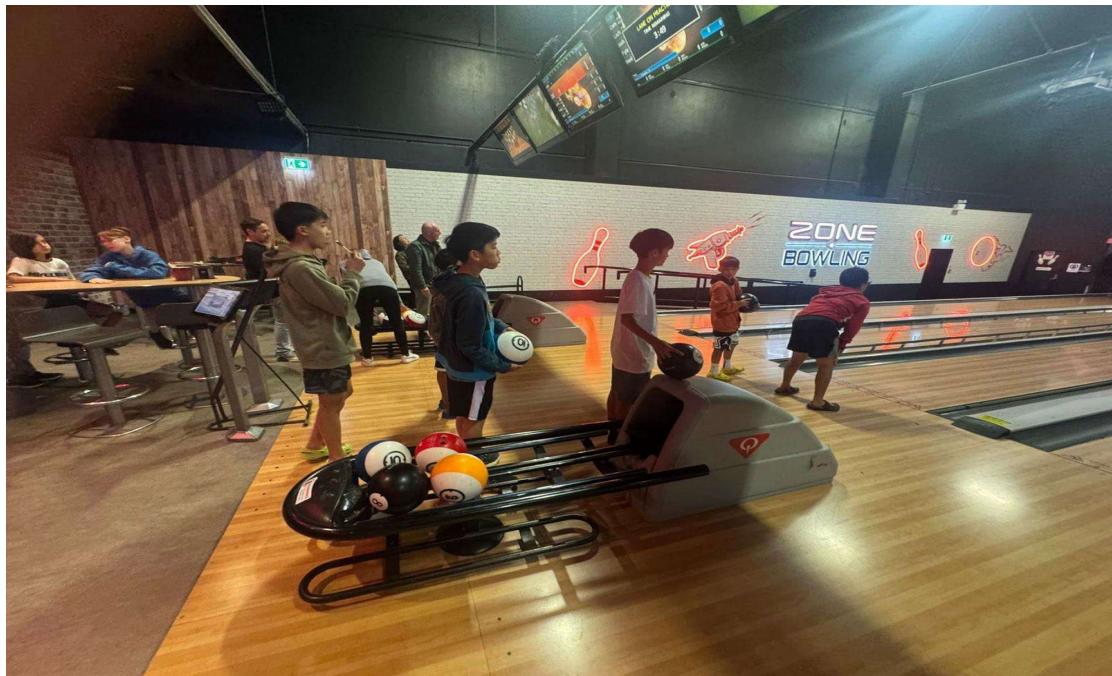
Longest Drive Logan Lim

Nearest the Pin Logan Lim

My sincere thanks also to the management team and caterers at Redwood Park Golf Club for their hospitality. A BIG Thank You to my helpers on the day – Merry Tsao, Ida Tai and Philip Houn Lee for checking scorecards and organisation on the day.



2025 10-PIN BOWLING EVENT



The ACCC 2025 10-Pin Bowling Event was once again successfully organized by Harry Wong Kam at the Zone Bowling Centre, in Target Court, Wairau Valley, North Shore.

Participation in this event costs \$15 per player and this includes two games, free use of bowling shoes and hot food and chocolate to eat while playing. 54 members registered for the event but only 47 members turned up to play. All the players and their supporters really enjoyed themselves in a fun afternoon.

All the games finished around 4.30pm and a ceremony to award prizes to winners took place as soon as the results were printed and analyzed by Harry. All the 47 players and their supporters really enjoyed themselves in a fun afternoon. Many said they would come again next year.





The winners of the prizes were:

- Ladies' highest game score. Jenna Wong Kam.
- Ladies' highest series score Pauline Chong.
- Men's highest game score. Aki Wong.
- Men's highest series score Robin Lin.
- Girls highest game score. Xanthia Chong.
- Boys highest game score. Harrison Ho.

The adult winners won a bottle of wine and children winners won a large box of Cadbury Favourite Chocolates.

ACCC wishes to thank Harry and his wife, Jenna, for their great work in organising this successful event for all our members to enjoy.



2025 ACCC Anniversary Dinner



The 2025 ACCC Anniversary dinner was held at the Lucky Fortune Restaurant at Three Kings on Saturday, 7 June 2025. This event was to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the establishment of the Auckland Chinese Hall, later known as Auckland Chinese Community Centre, on 23 March 1960.

The Anniversary dinner was well supported by the community, over 264 attended -packed restaurant. Guests were invited to this celebration dinner included

- ACCC friends such as Consul General Chen Shijie and two of his staff, Nancy Lu and Carlos Cheung (National Party Members of Parliament). Rodney Wong (Chinese Poll Tax & Heritage Trust), Jackson Rau (NZ Culture and Arts Foundation) and Duane Wickman-Evans (Tataki Auckland Unlimited),
- representatives of valuable Platinum of higher sponsors of our events such as Bong, Noon, Damian and Samara Wong from Multi-Media, Crystal Song and Lucy Chen of Channel 33, Howard Wilcox and Frank Mao of Tiger Fintech Ltd, and Peter Pan of Healthy & Fresh Ltd,
- and representatives from our sponsors; ANZ Bank, Legendary Homes, Oriental Merchants (NZ) Ltd, Jarden Wealth and Fresh Direct.

Prior to dinner being served, Vernon Choy (Scholarship & Awards sub-Committee Chairman) and our Chairman, David Tai, presented 2025 ACCC Academic Excellence Awards certificates to twelve talented young members.

Everyone enjoyed a scrumptious meal that included soup, roast & BBQ pork, spicy beef and jelly fish salad entrée, roast duck, steam blue cod, prawns with pineapple, chicken & cashew on vegetables, sizzling lamb rack, pork belly & taro, deep fried tofu, garlic choy sum and fruit.

A wonderful and successful evening with many friends reconnecting and others making new connections. Everyone is looking forward to the next Anniversary dinner, our 66th.

ACCC SENIOR LIFESTYLE GROUP OUTINGS

Concrete and Flowers Coach trip 05 March 2025

Forty-one members of the Senior Lifestyle group enjoyed a fabulous day out visiting 3 major venues, whilst touring around the newly built up southern and eastern suburbs of Auckland.

1. First stop: A one hour visit to COUNTIES READY MIX CONCRETE plant in Drury. Graham Payne managing director gave an engaging talk on how he makes and delivers concrete.

Mostly useful fact - concrete is poured at night time- when it is dark, little traffic on the roads and it is cooler. Concrete foundations set in 90 minutes and if you get stuck in a road crash - your concrete sets in the mixer!

2. An al fresco lunch was enjoyed at Red Shed Palazzo in Drury. This was a garden setting and has a weekly Sunday market day. We enjoyed yummy pre-ordered meals such as spinach/feta quiche, beef lasagne, chicken sandwiches was consumed at large tables great for banter.
3. Third stop was AYRLIES Gardens & Wetlands. Now 50 years mature. We walked along the paths beside ponds, flower gardens, and wetlands (newly built during Covid).

A flock of 10 spoonbill birds have claimed fallen down trees as their territory.

These coach trips (2 annually) are wonderful adventures, enjoyed by members who love the communal moment, the chatter, the friendships formed, the coach touring, and most of all visiting places they did not know existed.

Meantime our Gold Card Fun #31 to Botanics Retirement Village Silverdale for lunch on Weds 09 July 2025 was a huge success with 50 people attending.

The next outing is to an Alpaca Farm in November 2025.

Janet Lowe







Show your support for the *SS Ventnor* history

Opening of the NZCA Ventnor memorial in Opononi, April 2021. Image Dr King Tong Ho



We are asking for your support for the New Zealand Chinese Association's (NZCA) application to get the *SS Ventnor* wreck placed on the New Zealand Heritage List/ Rārangi Korero: the Government's official list of national historic sites.

The [SS Ventnor](#) was a ship that sank off the Hokianga Harbour carrying the remains of Chinese gold miners and others in the early Chinese New Zealand community. Its wreck is significant to our history and the NZCA would like your support to help preserve the site and the stories that accompany it for future generations of Chinese New Zealanders.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey by clicking on this link [SS Ventnor Heritage Survey 2025](#) or using the QR code below.

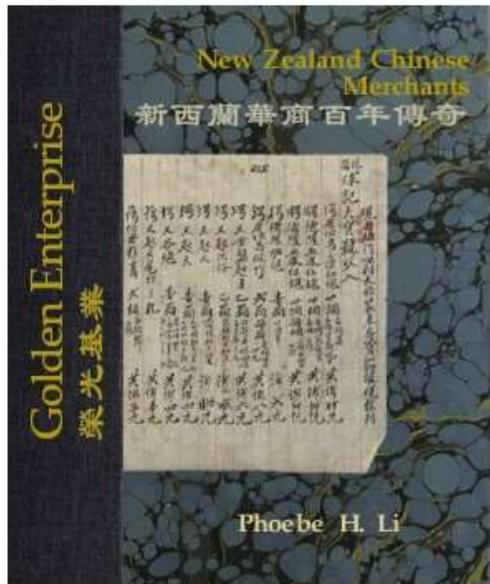


*On Behalf of the New
Zealand Chinese Association
Ventnor Sub Committee*

**Thank you for your
contribution!**



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Cantonese merchants facilitated early Chinese immigration to New Zealand and their social and business networks laid the foundation of the Chinese community in the South Pacific. Zooming in on these merchants' dynamic roles in the making of Chinese New Zealanders through a lens of New Zealand's changing relationships with China, Britain and beyond, this book commissioned by the [Chinese Poll Tax Heritage Trust](#) revisits New Zealand Chinese history from the 1860s to the 1970s.

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